both hands are supported while the user is typing on the keypad;

a means for displaying data overlaying the top surface of the electronic housing; and

a processor situated within the electronic housing, the processor electrically connected to the display means and the keyboard portion whereby data entered at the keypad is transmitted to the processor and displayed by the display means.

2. (original) The device recited in Claim 1, wherein the keypad further comprises:

a first and a second section having a plurality of alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof, each section being in the form of complementary symmetrical or asymmetrical parabolas;

the first and the second section lying co-planar vertically parallel along the top surface of the support base of the keyboard portion;

the first section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the left hand; and

the second section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the right hand.

3. (original) The device recited in Claim 1, wherein the display means further comprises:

a display area defined by a top edge, bottom edge, and a pair of side edges;

a front panel surrounding the display area and being defined by a top strip, a bottom strip, and a pair of side strips; and

each edge of the display area lying adjacent to and being securely attached to each corresponding strip of the display area.

4. (original) The device recited in Claim 3 wherein the display area is a Liquid Crystals Display (LCD).

5. (original) The device recited in Claim 3, wherein the bottom strip and each side strip of the front panel further comprises:

a plurality of additional alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof; and

a means for electrically connecting the plurality of additional alphanumeric keys to the processor whereby each generated character signal is transmitted to the processor.

6. (original) The device recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

a pressure sensitive writing means for allowing data to be inputted via handwriting;

and

the pressure sensitive writing means overlapping the bottom edge of the display area.

7. (currently amended) A handheld computerized device comprising:

a keyboard portion having a support base and a keypad, the support base including a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the keypad overlaying the top surface of the support base;

an electronic housing having a configuration with a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the bottom surface of the electronic housing being securely attached to the bottom surface of the keyboard portion in an operable position;

a pair of hand support means being securely attached at an ergonomic position along each side edge of the electronic housing, whereby a user's left hand or right hand or both hands are supported while the user is typing on the keypad;

a means for displaying data overlaying the top surface of the electronic housing; and

a processor situated within the electronic housing, the processor electrically connected to the display means and the keyboard portion whereby the data entered at the keypad is transmitted to the processor and displayed by the display means.

8. (original) The device recited in Claim 7, wherein the keypad further comprises:

a first and a second section having a plurality of alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof, each section being in the form of complementary symmetrical or asymmetrical parabolas;

the first and second section lying co-planar vertically parallel along the top surface of the support base of the keyboard portion;

the first section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the left hand; and

the second section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the right hand.

9. (original) The device recited in Claim 7, wherein the display means further comprises:

a display area defined by a top edge, bottom edge, and a pair of side edges;

a front panel surrounding the display area and being defined by a top strip, a bottom strip, and a pair of side strips; and

each edge of the display area lying adjacent to and being securely attached to each corresponding strip of the display area.

10.(original) The device recited in Claim 9 wherein the display area is a Liquid Crystals Display (LCD).

11. (original) The device recited in Claim 10, wherein the bottom strip and each side strip of the front panel further comprises:

a plurality of additional alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof; and

a means for electrically connecting the plurality of additional alphanumeric keys to the processor whereby each generated character signal is transmitted to the processor.

12. (original) The device recited in Claim 7, further comprising:

a pressure sensitive writing means for allowing data to be inputted via handwriting; and

the pressure sensitive writing means overlapping the bottom edge of the display area.

13.(currently amended) A handheld computerized device comprising:

a sliding bracket having a pair of guide members;

a keyboard portion having a support base and a keypad, the support base including a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the pair of side edges being adapted to slide into the pair of guide members <u>in an operable state or in a closed state</u>, the keypad overlaying the top surface of the support base;

an electronic housing having a configuration with a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the pair of side edges being integrally coupled to the pair of guide members;

a pair of hand support means being securely attached at an ergonomic position along each side edge of the electronic housing, whereby a user's left hand or right hand or both hands are supported while the user is typing on the keypad;

<u>in the operable state, the side edges of the support base are adapted to slide into the guide members such that the bottom surface of the support base and the bottom surface of the electronic housing are parallel to each other;</u>

<u>in the closed state, the side edges of the support base are adapted to slide into the guide members such that the keypad faces the top surface of the electronic housing;</u>

a means for displaying data overlaying the top surface of the electronic housing; and

a processor situated within the electronic housing, the processor electrically connected to the display means and the keyboard portion whereby the data entered at the keypad is transmitted to the processor and displayed by the display means.

14. (original) The device recited in Claim 13, wherein the keypad further comprises:

a first and a second section having a plurality of alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof, each section being in the form of complementary symmetrical or asymmetrical parabolas;

the first and second section lying co-planar vertically parallel along the top surface of the support base of the keyboard portion;

the first section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the left hand; and

the second section of the keypad being arranged in the standard QWERTY keyboard format for the right hand;

15.(original) The device recited in Claim 13, wherein the display means further comprises:

a display area defined by a top edge, bottom edge, and a pair of side edges;

a front panel surrounding the display area and being defined by a top strip, a bottom strip, and a pair of side strips; and

each edge of the display area lying adjacent to and being securely attached to each corresponding strip of the display area.

16.(original) The device recited in Claim 15 wherein the display area is a Liquid Crystals Display (LCD).

17.(original) The device recited in Claim 15, wherein the bottom strip and each side strip of the front panel further comprises:

a plurality of additional alphanumeric keys each adapted to generate a character signal upon depression thereof; and

a means for electrically connecting the plurality of additional alphanumeric keys to the processor whereby each generated character signal is transmitted to the processor.

18.(original) The device recited in Claim 13, further comprising:

a pressure sensitive writing means for allowing data to be inputted via handwriting; and

the pressure sensitive writing means overlapping the bottom edge of the display area.

ARGUMENTS

Per our telephone interview on December 27, 2004, I am filing this response. Regarding claim 1, we agreed that Applicant's claimed invention could be distinguished from Blandenberg. Applicant claims:

> *a keyboard portion having a support base and a keypad, the support base defined by a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the keypad overlaying the top surface of the support base;*
>
> *an electronic housing having a configuration defined by a top surface, a bottom surface, a rear edge, a front edge, and a pair of side edges, the front edge of the electronic housing being hingedly coupled to the front edge of the support base such that the electronic housing can pivot from a closed position into an open position wherein the bottom surface of the electronic housing is parallel to the bottom surface of the support base;*

Blandenberg states:

> *As device 801 transitions to the open state, display portion 803 hingedly pivots relative to body portion 807 as indicated by arrow 809 in FIG. 6B. In the open state, display screen 815 display screen 8154 is adjacent to and visible above thumbboard 805.*

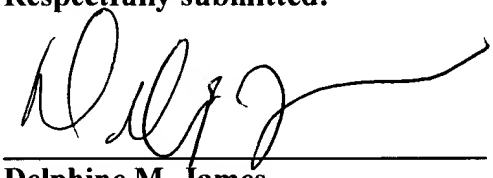
As shown in FIG. 6C which illustrates the open state of the Blandenburg device, the display is adjacent to the keyboard. The prior illustrates in FIG. 6A and 6B that bottom surface of the keyboard and display portion are parallel in a closed state. However, applicant claims the bottom surface of the electronic housing which houses the display and the bottom surface of the keyboard portion are parallel in an open state. Thus, the Applicant's invention is distinguished from the prior art.

Regarding independent claim 7, claim 7 was amended to claim an alternative embodiment of claim 1, wherein the invention is affixed into an operable position with the bottom surface of electronic housing (620) and keyboard portion (610) in a parallel position. (See Page 8 line 8-16 and FIG. 6 of the specification)

Regarding independent claim 13, claim 13 was amended to claim an alternative embodiment of claim 1, wherein the invention is slid into an operable position with the bottom surface of electronic housing (720) and keyboard portion (710) in a parallel position. (See Page10 line 3-5 and FIG. 7C of the specification).

Applicant has amended independent claims 7 and 13 to further distinguish with the prior art. In view of the above amendments to independent claims 7 and 13 and supporting argument to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections to the supporting dependent claims be withdrawn. Alternately should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted:



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